

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the above amendments prior to examining the claims.

One amendment to claim 1 clarifies that the intended scope of the claim includes systems and devices that have not yet been placed in a borehole. Support for this scope can be found in the original specification at, *inter alia*, page 12, line 26 to page 13, line 3.

Another amendment to claim 1, which has also been made to claim 16, replaces a product-by-process limitation with a specific limitation on the composition of the polymer matrix material. This amendment does not alter the scope of the claim.

### Conclusion

Should the Examiner find any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims that can be corrected by telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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